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ABOVE AVERAGE TEMPERATURES FOR MONTH OF APRIL

Cotton planting is continuing at a steady pace. As of April 30, 65 percent of **Cotton** was reported as planted, compared to 56 percent last year and 74 percent for the 5-year average.

Alfalfa harvest activity decreased slightly compared to last week. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 40 percent not being harvested, 16 percent light, 19 percent moderate, and 25 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 7 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 39 percent good, and 25 percent excellent.

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 15 percent very poor, 28 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 13 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. **Livestock** was reported to be in fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

As of April 30, 77 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 75 percent of **Barley**, 70 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 75 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as **headed**, while 9 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 10 percent of **Barley**, 12 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 10 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as **mature**.

Temperatures throughout the state were above average for the fourth week in a row. Temperatures ranged from 9 degrees above normal at Casa Grande, Grand Canyon, and Kingman to 6 degree above normal at Canyon De Chelly, Flagstaff, Gila Bend, and Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 106 degrees at Parker and Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 27 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 0 stations.

Last week producers in central Arizona continued to ship a variety of vegetables including **cabbage**, **cilantro**, **dill**, **green onions**, **kale**, **mixed greens**, **parsley**, **potatoes** and **swiss chard**. **Lettuce** shipments included **leaf** and **romaine**. Eastern Arizona producers shipped **hot house tomatoes**. As western Arizona season nears its conclusion, producers shipped **flowering kale**, **potatoes** and **radicchio**. Western **lettuce** shipments included **leaf** and **romaine**.

Central Arizona citrus producers harvested **lemons**, **grapefruit**, **tangerines**, **tangelos** and **valencias**. Western citrus producers harvested **grapefruit** and **lemons** last week.

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TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK APRIL 23-29, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	54	6	90	28	0.00	2.35	2.57
Casa Grande	70	9	102	53	0.00	1.74	2.57
Coolidge	68	8	106	49	0.00	2.27	2.88
Douglas	64	8	97	44	0.00	0.37	1.86
Flagstaff	45	6	78	27	0.00	5.39	8.12
Gila Bend	73	6	104	56	0.00	2.05	2.02
Grand Canyon	45	9	82	30	0.00	6.01	5.52
Kingman	60	9	93	49	0.00	1.62	3.46
Parker	74	7	106	60	0.00	0.66	1.71
Payson	56	8	91	37	0.00	6.09	7.34
Phoenix	73	7	101	61	0.00	2.99	2.45
Prescott Airport	54	8	85	41	0.00	2.16	3.21
Safford Ag Center	64	8	100	45	0.00	0.33	2.06
Tucson	68	8	99	53	0.00	1.18	2.58
Willcox	60	8	96	40	0.00	1.09	2.49
Winslow	56	7	91	36	0.00	1.49	1.77
Yuma	74	6	102	58	0.00	0.30	0.92

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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